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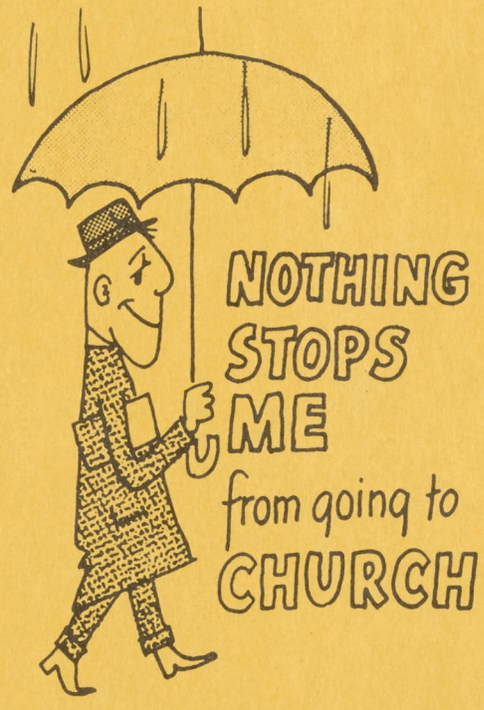


SUNDAY, JUNE 6

Forget It

READ HEBREWS 8:8-12; MATTHEW 6:9-14

Bible Thought: ***"I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more"*** **(Jeremiah 31:34).**

GOD'S FORGIVENESS is so complete it is forgetfulness. One of the manifestations of his greatness is his power to forget, completely forget. This part of God's nature is hard for us to understand, because we don't have the capacity to forget—to forgive, perhaps, but not to totally forget.

But God is wonderfully forgetful. When he forgives he completely forgets.

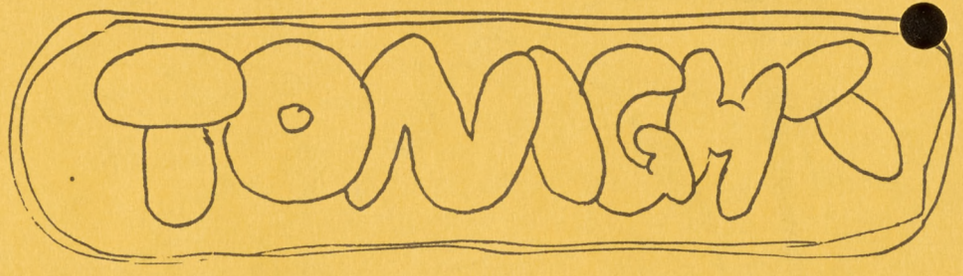
On a recent afternoon I was visiting with a distressed woman. After pouring out her hurt over a sin she had committed long ago, she asked, "Will you pray for me and ask God to forgive my sin?" "I'm sorry," I replied, "but I can't pray for that, because God doesn't even know about that sin." Seeing her shock, I explained: "That's the same sin we prayed about almost a year ago. We asked God to forgive you then. The Bible promises that from the moment he forgave you he also *forgot* the sin. There is no use in us talking to him about that, because he doesn't even know about it."

To keep the haunting guilt of sin after asking God's forgiveness is to question his word. God forgets when he forgives. Blessed relief! Believe it! Accept it!

Hymn: "Would You Be Free?"

Forgiving Father, accept our deepest expression of gratitude for the certainty of forgiven and forgotten sin. In the name of him who made it reality . . . even Jesus. Amen.

—JOE R. BARNETT



Sunday evening services on sunday ~~next~~ June 6th at 7:00 PM will be one of the greatest treats ever.

The internationalyfamous "WINGS OVER JORDEN" Gospel Chior will be here at MCC to sing for you. Thier will also be other well known soloists.

This will truly be a blessing in song so DON'T MISS IT!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

TONIGHT!

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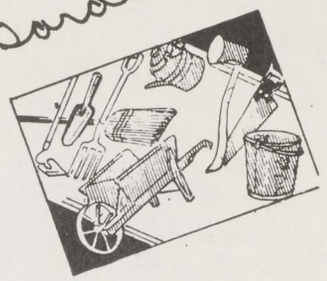
TONIGHT!

Lets Pull together

Furniture

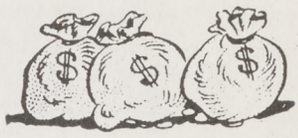
garden tools



We need a hand

Or did Santa Bring something you can't use

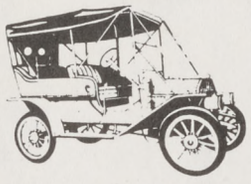
We Need



to purchase a paper cutter aprox. $250.00

a varityper aprox $800.00

Clean out Your Garage



Clothes that don't fit

Your book shelf

Between the BOOK ENDS

That old car

Rummage Sale

M.C.C. Publications Dept is in need of some new used equipment to better serve our church and and community.

We will pick up anything you WISH to donate to our RUMMAGE SALE Sat. June 12th(next sat). The sale will be in the parking lot in back of church

Connie

Bring Your old Drag

how about that extra Clock

THE FOLLOWING IS A LIST OF WHAT IS HAPPENING AROUND THE WORLD DURING GAY PRIDE WEEK.

INTERNATIONAL:
PARIS - LONDON - STOCKHOLM
Contact: G.L.F.
5 Caledonian Rd., No. 1,
London, England

UNITED STATES:
BOSTON - Gay Pride Week workshops: June 26 march against symbols of oppression --- State House, Park Street Church, Gay Bar, Police Station, & Dance.

BRIDGEPORT - Gay Pride Week theme --- Gay Action for Constitutional Equality: March June 20 from Seaside Park to Federal Bldg.
Contact: KALOS-Gay Liberation
786 Grand St.
Bridgeport, Connecticut

NEW YORK - Gay Pride Week opens with 3-day 24 hour a day celebration of opening of Gay Activist Alliance"s four-story Fire-house on Wooster St., June 18, 19, & 20, continuous plays, cabaret, raps.
June 23, Demonstration at Y.M.C.A. against policies toward Gays. Westside Discussion Group (300 9th St.) raps starting 8P.M.
June 26, Street Fair on Wooster St. near Prince and Spring starting 1P.M. Booths arts, food, etc. Dance, location to be announced. June 27. PARADE: Mobilize at Christopher St., proceed up Sixth Ave. to Sheep Meadow at Central Park for Gay-In.
Contact: Christopher St. Liberation Day Committee, 247 W. 10th St.
New York, New York 10014

SEATTLE - Tri-Cities celebration --- Vancouver, Seattle & Portland.
Contact: G.L.F.
615 Boren #32
Seattle, Washington 98104

DALLAS - Gay Pride Week, June 20th to 26th. American Library Association, Gay Liberation Task Force: raps, speakers, activities, DANCE.

CHICAGO - Gay Pride Week activities. June 27, PARADE through Gay Ghetto to Lincoln Park for Gay-In.

LAS VEGAS - Car & Bus caravan to L.A.

PHOENIX - Plans tentative.
Contact: Gay Liberation Arizona Desert
1842 12th St.
Phoenix, Arizona

SACRAMENTO - Rally on steps of Capitol
June 25th 10A.M.

SAN JOSE - June 26, rally at St. James Park, 9A.M., march through downtown (on sidewalks) to William Street Park for Gay-In.
Contact: G.L.F.
P.O. Box 4087
San Jose, Ca. 95126

SAN FRANCISCO - June 25th, German dinner at Emmaus House. Midnight: embus for Los Angeles to attend Men's conference & Women's conference and PARADE.
Contact: Emmaus House
1488 Vallejo
San Francisco, Ca. 94109

LOS ANGELES - One Inc., art show, starting June 19 at 2256 Venice Blvd. Gay Fellowship, Gay Happening, June 20, Griffith Park, Merry-go-round area, 10A.M. - all day.
The Gay Women's West Coast Conference, June 25, 26, at Metropolitian Community Church, 2201 S. Union St. L.A. 90007
The Gay Conspiracy, men's confreence, register at 4400 Melrose, June 25,26 & 27.
THE PARADE - June 27th, mobilize at McCadden Pl. & Hollywood Blvd. at 6P.M. March at 7P.M.
THE DANCE - Rodger Young Center
936 W. Washington Blvd.
L.A. Ca.
at 9P.M. after THE PARADE
Contact: Christopher Street West
P.O. Box 17669
L.A. Ca. 90017
Phone: 484-1094

ALCOHOLICS TOGETHER

Alcoholics together had it's beginning in October of 1969. A member of Alcoholics Anonymous became interested in the activities of the Metropolitan Community Church. His efforts to help alcoholic members of his church led to the meetings of alcoholic homosexuals called, Alcoholics Together.

Alcoholics Together was formed for the sole purpose of helping the alcoholic homosexual find a rewarding way of life without alcohol. Alcoholics Together uses the Alcoholics Anonymous program and it's members attend Alcoholics Anonymous meetings throughout the communities where they live. The Alcoholic Together groups use the A A twelve traditions as a guide in their affairs. They have almost no rules and depend upon the goodwill of members to maintain an atmosphere that make their meetings possible.

On Tuesday evening a discussion group meets at the Mary Lind Foundation. This meeting is restricted to male alcoholic homosexuals. Starting at the former MCC Parsonage on Virgil Avenue, the rapid growth of the group made it necessary to find a larger meeting place. The group now meets in the Mural Room of the Shoreham Hotel. All male homosexual alcoholics are encouraged to attend this meeting and share the benefits to be found there.

In June of 1970 some of the members felt they got so much out of the Tuesday night meetings and enjoyed the friends they met there so much that they started other meetings on Friday nights. The Friday night meetings are open to all alcoholic homosexuals, both men and women and their friends. Although this is a participation meeting, once a month the group turns the meeting over to two recovered alcoholics, who tell how they used to be and what they are trying to be like now. The Friday night group meets in Hollywood on Hollywood Blvd. one block from Grauman's Chinese Theatre. If you are homosexual and have a drinking problem we hope you will attend our Friday night meeting. Your friends are also welcome.

Most of us want to share what we have found with as many like ourselves as we can. We know that we help ourselves by helping others. Some of us have started attending church as part of our personal effort to try to improve our spiritual values and better our relationship with God. The result of all this is another meeting of Alcoholics Together on Thursday nights in the parlor of the Metropolitan Community Church at 8:30 P.M..

If you are a homosexual who maybe drinks a little too much and sincerely wants to do something about it, the most important day of you life may be the day you ask a member of alcoholics together about the simple program he lives by.

Those of us who are members of Alcoholics Together are always eager to welcome you to the fellowship. We can help, but the big job is up to you. It really works. It can and will work for you.

Alcoholism is an illness from which the homosexual can recover. The Metropolitan Community Church recognizes alcoholism as a disease. Anyone attending the Metropolitan Community Church needing help for himself, a friend or a member of his family is encouraged to call one of the phone numbers listed below. As with all illnesses, such inquiries will be treated as confidential.

MCC Crisis Intervention Center; Phone (213) 748-7176
Alcoholics Together; Phone (213) 664-8008

Note: Other alcoholics are encouraged to call the above numbers or the Alcoholics Anonymous phone number listed in your phone directory.

PLEASE!!!!TAKE TWO MINUTES TO READ THIS IMPORTANT MESSAGE!!!!

Do you care??...That an adequate supply of blood is essential to the health of your community...And for saving lives?

Only GOD, with your help, can create the magic mixture of Red and White Cells, plasma, and platelets composing the most precious fluid in the world,....BLOOD.

But..Only you can decide to share this precious gift to save someone's life and to help provide blood protection for yourself, your loved ones, your Church, and your community.

This is truly a community-sharing responsibility in which we, who are of the age (18 through 59) and normally healthy, must do our part for those who can't. We are "OUR BROTHER'S KEEPER." By giving now, before age 60, you can also prepare for future retirement and medicare needs.

Our Church family is large and many of our members must rely upon us for their blood needs in time of illness, accident, or surgery. Should the need exceed our Blood Bank, red cross would "LOAN" to us from other community groups. We would then have a moral duty to "REPAY THE LOAN." Why not take care of our own, in advance by depositing an adequate supply to meet our needs for the balance of this year.

Credits to the Church Blood Bank are the "BONUSES" received when individuals donate BLOOD and designate the Church as the participating group. This "BONUS" credit is in addition to the personal credit the donor retains and which remains intact for his use in later years for his family or friends...Wherever he may be. All members of the Church receive protection from the "BONUS" credits given annually by those donors willing to share.

Red Cross is the non-profit service that collects, processes, and delivers the BLOOD to hospitals for use by you, or you, or even you. You do not give your BLOOD to the Church nor the Red Cross. Rather you provide for future needs of your loved ones and others. Lest you forget.....SIGN UP TODAY.

Have your donation of BLOOD credited to the account of Metropolitan Community Church. Call the Red Cross at 384-5261 for an appointment NOW!

YOUR SOCIAL DIRECTOR

Now that we have acquired folding chairs for adequate seating, we can begin having brunches once more. I plan having them twice a month, which brings me to a major problem. "Manpower."

To give these important functions, I need people to set up, prepare the food and to clean up afterwards. Volunteers!

On June 19th at 11 AM, we are having our Church Beach Party at Will Rodgers State Beach. We want a large turnout. No food will be served, so plan on bringing a lunch. We will have games planned. So join us for a day of fun.

July 31st and August 1st, MCC will have its first Country Fair! It has never been tried before, and we expect a LARGE turnout. Like we are hoping that the many organizations in our community will be well represented with a booth. All organizations within MCC are asked to have a booth. These will consist of games, or special artistic talents. So when your group meets, please organize a booth. The Fair will run 2 days. Let us make it a big success.

I need people to help in organizing the Fair. If you have any background in this, or want to help, see me.

Your Social Committee can not give functions if you do not help.

Bill Bennett

A Doctor's story to his patient: "I've got bad news and good. Bad news is I amputated the wrong leg, took off your good one. Good news is your bad leg is getting better."

RECEIPTS

Received from the May Festival, 521 tickets @ $5.00 donation; 7 Youth Group Tickets @ $2.50 donation, 20 contestant donations @ $3.00; and 97 complimentary tickets, for a total attendance of 625.

5/4	200.00
5/25	2439.50
6/1	43.00
	$2682.50

DISBURSEMENTS

Band	$200.00	
Charles Pierce	100.00	
Ticket Contest	50.00	
Trophies	24.58	
Printing	44.69	
Advertising	187.40	
Florist	129.67	
Door Prize	36.00	
Technicians	35.00	$2682.50
Costume	4.20	(811.54)
	$811.54	$1870.96

May Festival net contribution to Building Fund debt reduction: $1870.96

N O T I C E ! !

YOUTH GROUP DANCE

Saturday, June 12th, 8:00 - 12:00 PM in the Church Social Hall. Tickets are $1.00. There is going to be a box dinner raffle for your dinner partner. A small show is planned and there will be taped music to dance to.

"ROPE"

Rehearsals for the Metropolitan Players of MCC production of "ROPE" are coming along beautifully. Practice is being held every Tuesday and Wednesday at Director Lyle Page's home in Reseda and Sunday afternoons at 2 PM in the Church parlor.

This Sunday, however, the entire cast and committees will enjoy a picnic Bar B-Q at Lyle and Hank's after Church Services. After the luncheon there will be a complete run-through of the play.

The Metropolitan Players are planning an exceptional production in our "LITTLE THEATER" July 9th and 10th. Curtain time is 8:15 PM. Special stage settings are being built. Mike Sandusky, who did the lighting for "ROPE".

Sound effects play an important part in "ROPE" and Don Showman has this Herculean task.

Advertising is in the capable hands of Bill Bennett. Carl York Schmidt will be in charge of the ticket sale.

Be sure and save three dollars for a ticket for "ROPE" and experience a night of suspense, FRIDAY AND SATRUDAY, the 9th and 10th of JULY in our "LITTLE THEATER". WE'LL BE SEEING YOU!!

COME PRAY WITH US

Wednesday night has become a joyous and beautiful night of the week now that we have Wed. night prayer meetings. For those of you who haven't been with us, you are really missing something in your life. The lift that it gives you is fantastic! The power of the Lord fills us all and is giving us all a fuller life, It is a night of singing, testimony, dynamic messages, and fellowship that is almost beyond description. Won't you bring a friend and share this beautiful time with us? You'll be glad you did.

Deacon Bill Thorne

LOS ANGELES COUPLES CLUB MEETS FRIDAY

Our Los Angeles Couples Club will meet again for its eighth meeting on Friday, June 11th at Ron Pannell and Stan Bolinski's home at:

2841 Waverly Drive
Los Angeles

The last meeting was held in the Drawing Room at the Church, the Planning Committee felt that perhaps a home-atmosphere would be more appropriate for these family groups.

We want to encourage mingling and conversational groups rather than making it strictly a formal discussion group. Married couples don't get to bars much and even when they lead active social lives they don't always get to meet other couples--it's fun to meet and exchange ideas with other pairs who are striving for similar objectives, such as home ownership, decorating, etc. We talk over mutual problems and enjoy each others company at these gatherings. We were so pleased to have eight women at our last meeting!! The women in our community are just shy! They need a lot of encouragement to get them out, but when you get to talking with them and exchanging ideas you can find some really worthwhile friendships.

Al Correa

CENTRAL PARISH REORGANIZATION

There will be a reorganization meeting of the Central Parish at the Church, in the Seminary Room on Tuesday, June 8, at 7:30 PM. If you are not sure if you are a member of this parish or not, just check the list on the wall in the Social Room. If your name is on the list, see me please, before the 8th of June.Please make an effort to become involved.

Deacon John Logan

THE KOOL-AIDS ARE AGEINGxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

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Well, I don't know exactly what inspired Tim Leming to start this group but I thank God for it. After all, you don't have to be twenty-one to be gay and to experience the problems that can be a part of gay life.

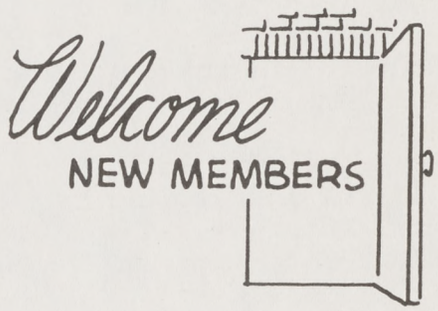
If you don't mind, go back with me in time, shall we say about a year. I was then 15 years old and a very lonely young man. (My story is probably like most of the other members of the youth group for the most part, so instead of boring you with everyone else's story, I'll just bore you with one.) Perhaps the only difference was probably my financial background, for I am black and have been in the ghettos of the East side of Los Angeles, and most of the other members come from middle-class families with momma and daddy to love them. Don't stop reading now. I promise you this is not a sob story. As far as anything else is concerned I had a pretty normal childhood, but I remember I always wanted to be Miss Clairol when I grew up.

That's enough about me, besides I'm supposed to be writing a history of MCC's Youth Group, not an autobiography. When I started in the Youth Group around the month of August I was, I must admit, very nervous, but (like always) MCC folks smile a lot and give you real hardy handshakes and in general treat you in so many ways that you're bound to like one of them -- and I did.

At that time Tim Leming was president, Allison Ramsey was vice-president, Al Ojeda was secretary, and, last but not least, Steve Regalado was corresponding secretary. I believe the first activity I attended was a party. I don't remember if it was a Christmas, Hallowe'en or Thanksgiving party, but I do know that it was a lot of good, clean fun. There were about twenty members then and we've grown a little and lost a little, but we're still together. Can you remember all those dances at Troupers Hall? I hope the public enjoyed them as much as we did giving them. And the bake sales were lots of fun, too.

Often when you're working with something like a club and have lots of fun also, time passes quickly. We turn around and already we're a year old. We're looking forward to many years of growth, fun, hard work, fellowship, and a lot of goodies I can't mention or they'll close the place.

- Ray Hicks

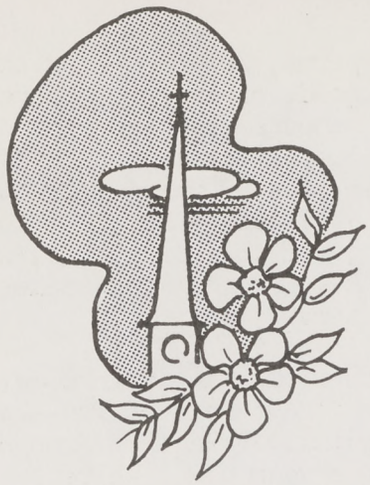


W E L C O M E !

The staff of MCC News would like to extend a very hearty WELCOME to the new members and friends received into our congregation today. Knowing what my membership in MCC means to me, I know what a red letter day this is in your life. Again we of MCC News wish you welcome and Gods' wonderful blessings to you and your loved ones.

Now is the time to get involved in the many activities here at MCC. Some suggestions for you to consider: If you have a desire to write, type, arts, finance, printing, graphics, sign painting, circulation or any of the other things it takes to put our many publications out, see Connie Vaughn or Don Hughes. If you would like to sing, there are two choirs (Chancel and Gospel) you can get involved in; there is always a need for ushers and greeters. Are you interested in electronics? See Willy Smith. Are you handy with tools or can you help in cleaning? See Spider or Howard Coburn. Now is the time, get involved, we need you and want your help.

Editor



MEMORIAL DAY SERVICES

Sunday Services on May 30th were unusually quiet, due principally to three factors: first, Rev. Ferry was in Honolulu chartering the former Hawaii MIssion; second, the Chancel Choir was not scheduled to sing that day; and finally it was a Memorial Day weekend, taking many of our flock out of town for the long weekend. Apart from that we had been out to Spider and Quinn's the night before and were still a little sleepy.

Deacon Tom Purcell opened services announcing that this was his eighteenth anniversary together with Don Hughes. He advised us that what makes a successful marriage is to love one another as you would be loved.

Lori, one of the choir members, then did a beautifully pitched trumpet solo, an unusual and original feature.

Our special guest today was Pastor Robert J. Cunningham from Metropolitan Community Church of Phoenix. In addition to pastoring the Phoenix congregation he is pastor of the Tucson Mission, an ordained Deacon of MCC - San Diego and a member of the Board of Directors of MCC - San Diego. Pastor Cunningham greeted us, said a few words, then read the gospel.

Assistant Pastor John H. Hose introduced a large number of men and women from the Arizona congregation and the San Francisco congregation who were visiting with us.Many fine women from Arizona made the trip and it was nice to see their pleasant faces.We have a serious imbalance between the sexes and this temporary correction was welcomed.

Rev. Ploen led us in the silent and pastoral prayer, saying: "...Almighty God who fills all things, governs all things, we pray for the companionship of quiet hours; for moments of spiritual exultation inexpressable in any language. This was followed by a solo sung by a choirmember whom I know only as Mr.Craig. Bearded, tall and redhaired, he has always seemed like a robust Viking to me. He sang the Battle Hymn of the Republic splendidly with beautiful diction and clear projection. I hope he will favor us again with another solo.

Our assistant Pastor, John H. Hose, presented the sermon today, choosing as his central point the phrase:"...I must be about my Father's business." He then questioned the meaning of that sentence and proceeded in his articulate manner to define it as "...learning to love our fellowman; working at becoming a human being."He urged us to transmit the Bible into something meaningful and relevant. Speaking of Jesus Christ in his own time, he commented on how profoundly Jesus had upset the religious establishment. Some parallels were made with our own impending march to Sacramento and the ever-growing need to stand up and be counted. Returning to his central theme he counseled, as part of being "...About my Father's business," that we bring the involvement of God into our lives; that we get closer to people; be responsible; Serve! "Love your brother, who is also a child of God. If Jesus Christ is really alive in your hearts you've got to have committment, got to have an involvement!" Leading us in prayer he said: "We know you help us to reach out and exemplify the truth He gave. You are there in our midst...Help us to dedicate our lives to you in your service."

We missed Communion this morning, but stopped at the Social Hall where Deacon Bill Thorne, Greeter Lyle Dunlop (whose birthday it was), Jim Mason, Alain Perrine and some other active members served a delicious brunch for all who attended. They fixed creamed ham served ver perfect rice, peas, peach halves filled with cottage cheese and stalks of fresh celery and black olives.There was gallons of hot coffee, seconds on everything, and a chance to talk to some of the women from Tucson and Phoenix.

This was really delicious! If you missed it, you missed out on a tasty well-prepared brunch. I must confess that we tend to avoid mass-produced meals of this sort--so often enthusiasm is more evident than quality, but this was not the case

with the Brunch this morning. Congratulations to our Social Director and our fine fellow members who worked to make this a success!

While we're at it!!! Why doesn't our Social Director provide some welcomed Christian Fellowhip of the sort we used to generate at the early coffee hour before services at the Encore? I don't like standing about on the sidewalk, but I do like to mix with old friends and speak to visitors. Most of us who go to morning services haven't had breakfast yet--and even if we had, a hot cup of coffee would be welcomed. The early Communion Service would also be more popular if the Church would open up the Social Hall so members could go there afterwards, instead of standing out on the sidewalk. Apart from the pleasure of visiting with our brothers and sisters, this would provide additional revenue for other Church programs. How about it!!??

Al Correa

A TIME TO CAMP

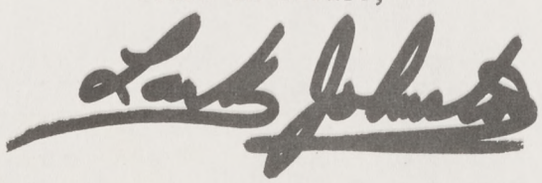
Camp time is every evening during the march on Sacramento. This camping is going to need a lot more equipment than a quick mind and a fast tongue.

If you are anywhere near being the outdoor type, you are well aware of the high cost of camping equipment. The least painful way of buying it is with Blue Chip Stamps. Therefore we are asking for your donation of Blue Chip Stamps which will be exchanged for some essential camping items.

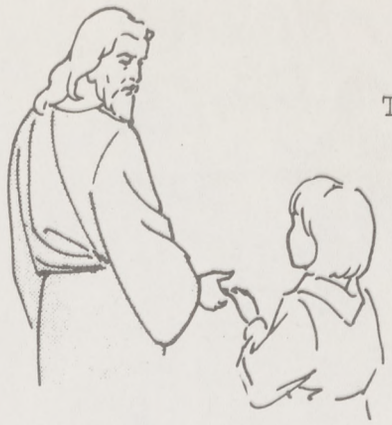
If you have any camping equipment which you can loan or donate for this march. please contact WILLIE SMITH or TERRY (SPIDER) LUTON.

Remember, this equipment is vital, so please help with items and/or stamps.

Yours In Christ,



The core of gigantic events is the quiet and profound working of the spirit.



TAKE MY HAND

Last year Rev. Perry announced "We're going to have a parade". My first reaction was "FRIGHT". I could just see the hassel on Hollywood Blvd. that Sunday.

My better half and I were attending the sign language class at that time and they decided to have a float...Well, I just could not see getting my self hassled, however the enthusiasm that was stirred in everyone caught us up too. In no time we were treading air in anticipation of the big day.

I can't begin to tell you of the confusion, rushing, tearing down and last minute putting back together again of our float -- but there it was -- "TAKE MY HAND" on a large banner (which covered half of Hollywood Blvd) and my lover driving the truck with the song "Take My Hand" playing in the background and many wonderful people in it. We soon were out of the CLOSET and into the STREET. As we rounded the corner (I was holding one end of the banner and Roger Perryman on the other end) we ran into what appeared to be THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE. My heart went into my throat, but up went my chin, out went my hand and forward we went. I guess I must have shook at least a THOUSAND HANDS as I walked down the BOULVARD. I never realized - If you smile and offer your hand one CAN'T refuse the gesture of friendship. At the end of the March I was so happy that I finally found myself thru the help of all those straights, gays, children and most of all GOD. I know this year I won't be afraid because I'M PROUD.

THANK YOU MCC FRIENDS AND THANK YOU REV. TROY PERRY FOR YOUR FAITH IN GOD AND PEOPLE.

Marie Woody
Patti Moffitt

A FLOAT FOR $2.50?

BE GAY FOR A DAY!

Last year I remember that Sunday morning service. Everything went as usual; quiet and sincere. Even up to the time Rev. Perry gave all his announcements, nothing exceptional showed but the capacity crowd at the Encore Theatre. Then he said, matter of factly, "You know, we are going to have a parade." When that roar of applause, clapping and general pandemonium was heard, I KNEW we were ready for that parade!

I had in my mind what I'd like to do, but practically and financially, I just couldn't get it together. But with the enthusiasm spreading, the cooperation and assistance from a few of my closet friends and even the straight neighbors, I DID get my float together! My first float I'd ever assembled, including the crepe paper and string, etc. only cost $2.50! I had been helping sell the purple pansies and Gay buttons and deducted this little cost for my May Pole Float.

When we finally got rolling onto Hollywood Boulevard, there wasn't enough room for my wide streamers carried by several gay friends and even some unknowns who just volunteered. The police were just realizing that this wasn't going to be just on one side of the street. I directed my streamer carriers on the outer most points to get right into the crowd and take the room necessary to make my May Pole blossom. It turned out wonderfully! This year I hope to make a bigger and better one, on the same pattern of a May Pole carried by my Gay friends and volunteers.

I remember the people after the parade, including the police, said that one way to judge the number of people there and the success of the parade, is by the traffic jam created afterwards. It was hilarious! What a mob! Compared to the Hollywood Thanksgiving Parade, we weren't far behind, and I'm sure this year, we'll outdo them. The enjoyment and participation will both be greater. So, come on, you silent shy ones in your closets, let's get out there and show our colors!

After last years parade, we doubled back on Selma with my May Pole dragging behind the convertible with all those streamers. So we pulled them in, and began passing them out in bits of color as souvenirs. When the traffic stopped us, I took the crepe, wrapped it around the passing cars antennas and said, "Here, be Gay for a Day!" Very few objected, as they were all in a beautiful Gay Parade Christopher Street West mood! See you there!

Marty Seneca

TOLERANCE

Tol-er-ance (Tol'er.ens) DEFINITION

1. A willingness to be tolerant and patient towards people whose opinions or ways differ from one's own. (Are you willingly tolerant and patient towards these things. Does everything you say apply to everyone, everywhere).

2. The power of enduring or resisting the action of a drug, poison, etc. (This doesn't necessarily mean just, red, or yellows, or rainbows, or bennies, or pot, or opium, or arsenic, or rat poison- it means Poison of the minds, ideas, and all the things that people believe in.)

3. Indulgence - In things you do - as opposed to things someone else does.

4. Sufferance - Doing something you want to do no matter how much someone else suffers from it.

5. Liberality - Being broadminded enough to look at the things you do, or the way you act, as to how the other person acts.

Lets look at it this way. GOD was Tolerant Enough That He Gave His Only Begotten Son to deliver us from the intolerance of the world. Please consider the fact that there are people who need the understanding, guidance, love and tolerance of those who strive in the perfection of the ALL FORGIVING GOD.

METHODISTS SUSPEND "GAY" DALLAS CLERIC

SAN ANTONIO, Tex. - A self-described homosexual clergyman was suspended from the Mehodist ministry Tuesday in an emotional meeting that followed a plea in his behalf by the Gay Liberation Front.

Gene Leggett, (Not Rev.?), 36, of Dallas, who has served the United Methodist Church for more than a decade, was suspended by a 144-117 vote during the second day of the Southwest Texas United Medhodist Annual Conference. Only ministers were allowed to vote.

PS: Rev. Leggett, MCC loves you, wants you and needs you. At least the vote wasn't unanimous. Is God calling you to our Dallas Mission?

NO MORE FLATS

My deepest thanks to the fine Ushers and Greeters who helped to beautify our Church parking lot. It is wonderful to see a group like this come down and really pitch in cleaning it up and having a good time working together for the Church. Thanks to the following:

Ted, Jeff, Patti, Ron,
Howard, Danny, Joe
and Terry

Coffee & Donuts were served during a rest period, in our social hall. These were compliments of Patti and Terry

Danny Baxter

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HORIZONTAL

No. 4

1 Son of Isaac and Rebekah
5 Isaac's mother
9 A beautiful flower; supposedly, in Bible times, a lily
10 Samuel's teacher
12 He who named the animals
14 Jesus, our Savior
15 Same as Elijah
17 Mouths
18 Symbol for a common metal
19 Wise and rich king of Israel
21 Two
22 A wilderness, where quail and manna were sent to the Israelites. (Ex. 16 : 1)
23 Joshua's father. (Ex. 33 : 11)
25 City in Galilee, where Jesus raised the widow's son. (Luke 7 : 11)
27 Petition
29 A tower in the wall of Jerusalem. (Neh. 3 : 1)
31 Internal
32 Waned
33 Passions (Latin)
34 Essay
36 Book of Norse mythology
38 Anger
40 Lever
41 Continent
43 The deputy at Paphos, who believed when he saw Elymas smitten. (Acts 13 : 7)
46 King of Bashan
47 Atmosphere
49 Bake
50 Unclose
51 A sign of the Zodiac
53 Roman numeral
54 The greatest Missionary of all time
55 Stem
56 Heavenly bodies. (1 Cor. 15 : 41)

VERTICAL

No. 4

1 The beloved disciple
2 A lowly animal on which Christ rode into Jerusalem
3 Young peoples' religious society
4 A tinkling ornament on a priest's ephod
5 Kingdom in southeastern Asia
6 Great god of the Sun
7 Trouble
8 Stringed instrument, on which David played for Saul
9 Ascended
11 Ferocious animals. Tiglath-Pileser slew one hundred and twenty
13 Bitter waters
15 Age
16 One was a prodigal
19 Wrong doers
20 One of the five books of Moses
22 The Mountain, from which the law was given
24 Indigent. We read in Deut. 15 : 11 "thou shalt open thy hand to thy"
26 A necessity of life
27 Skill
28 Clue
30 Increase
33 Son of Abraham
35 Royal
37 Ministering spirit
39 Ever
40 Place
42 Ezekiel says these trees were used for making planks for ships.
44 Solid defense. (Ps. 71 : 3)
45 Egyptian goddess of fertility
46 Musical composition
48 Rodent
50 Implement for rowing
52 Degree
54 State

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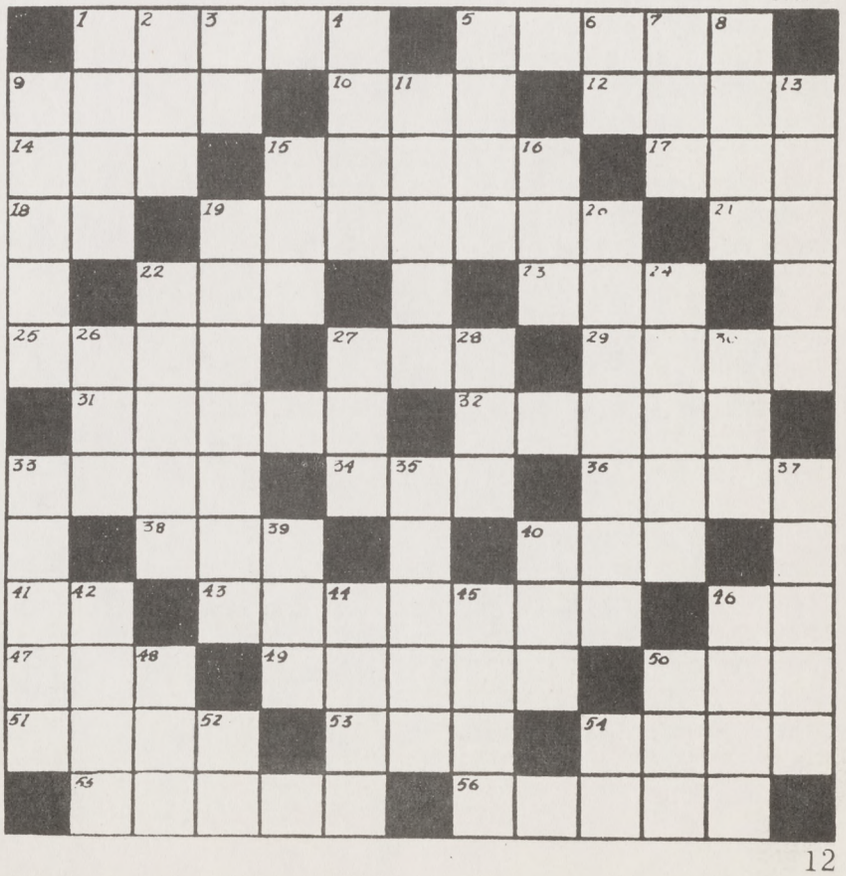

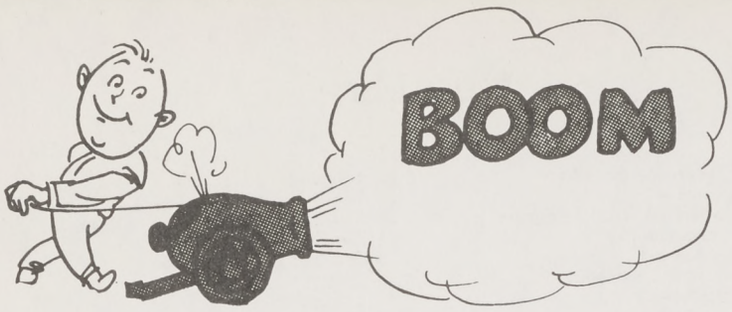

SHOULD THEY BE SHOT AT SUNRISE?

by Ann Landers

Dear Ann Landers: I have read several letters in your column from people who despise homosexuals. What do they want from us? Would they be satisfied if we were all locked up, isolated from society? Or would they prefer that we simply be shot at sunrise?

Why don't people realize that the only difference between homosexuals and heterosexuals is what we do behind closed doors? We don't worry about them. Why should they worry about us?

My roommate and I frequently entertain mixed couples and we have many interesting friends. We are honorable people. We don't play with girls, pretending to be straight, dragging them around to parties as a cover. We believe this is cheap and dishonest.

The notion that gay boys are all limp-wristed and swishy is absurd. Many homosexual males with whom I am intimately acquainted are extremely masculine in appearance, dress and mannerisms. They work at being masculine to avoid detection.

I am acquainted with homosexuals who are successful doctors, lawyers, clergymen, politicians. They are in every walk of like. The closet queens in the professions and politics must be very circumspect, however, because they are subject to blackmail.

Isn't this shameful? A year of psychiatric therapy has helped me to accept myself as I am. I now know that I don't need the friendship of anyone who views me as a freak.

I hope and pray that one day all people will be judged on the basis of what they contribute to humanity and how they treat their fellow man. Wouldn't that be wonderful? WRITTEN IN BEAUMONT, MAILED IN NEW ORLEANS

Dear Friend: Yes, it would be wonderful --and I predict that one day it will come to pass.

Congratulations

THE METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH IN WASHINGTON, D.C.

Dedication of the Metropolitan Community Church, Washington, D.C., took place on May 2, 1971. Nearly one year's search culminated in a small but effective church located on Capital Hill in Washington. The results are outstanding.

In October of 1969 work was begun by Paul Breton to establish the Homophile Social League of Washington. Formed on January 24, 1970, the HSL attempted to provide an added social life to the gay community. In April of 1970, a discussion on Religion and the Homosexual was sponsored by the Homophile Social League. This discussion drew an audience of well over fifty clergy. From this discussion grew the concept of a trial experimental service.

During the next few months these efforts met with nearly hopeless rejection. Finally, an experiment was held on September 27, 1970 at All Souls Unitarian Church in Washington D.C. A Roman Catholic priest a Methodist minister and a Unitarian minister joined hands for an interdenominational liturgy for over 70 gays.

There followed four months of experimenting, trying and learning. Without advertising and often with little hope, these services led to the interim Community Church of Washington in January, 1971. Paul Breton was chosen pastor by the congregation.

Three events confirmed the role of the Community Church. Dr. Franklin Kameny of the Mattachine Society of Washington ran for the office of non-voting delegate to Congress. At the invitation of his staff, Rev. Troy Perry came to Washington to speak to the community. The Community Church of Washington was to host this event at Stephen and the Incarnation Episcopal Church. However, the local Episcopal Bishop closed the doors of the church. Too late to change plans, Reverends Breton and Perry and the congregation held a communion on the steps of St. Stephen's. This was followed by a "pray-in" at Washington's National Cathedral on February 14, 1971. These actions brought about widespread coverage by television and other news services. Rev. Troy Perry so impressed the people of Washington that the congregation requested the im-

mediate ordination of the pastor and incorporation into the Universal Fellowship.

The second event was ordination of Rev. Breton in an interdenominational service at All Souls Unitarian Church on Sunday, March 14, 1971. The ordaining ministers were two Methodists and a (Roman Catholic) Congregationalist minister of the underground church movement.

The last event that confirmed our role was when a home for the church was found and purchased. On April 24, 1971, the house at 705 7th Street, SE was occupied and now serves as a home for five members of the gay Christian community and as a meeting place for the Metropolitan Community Church.

The first two services in the new home each drew nearly 30 people with expectations for growth. Among the many gifts and warm feelings which local clergy and laity have given, a Chaplain at Catholic University donated a lectionary, the Diocesan Laborers at Catholic University donated an altar and two pews. An Episcopal seminarian and a Methodist minister have donated a cross and two candlesticks.

The congregation of the Community Church of Washington voted unanimously on February 28, 1971 to join the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches.

As all the other churches in the denomination, the Metropolitan Community Church, Washington, D.C. is making its mark in the community.

COOKING IN THE KITCHEN

Now that we are in our new church home we have our own kitchen and dining room. It's great to have our own facilities but we also need proper equipment.Thanks to Victor and Bill we have a beautiful professional range to cook on. It really is a godsend, but we also need lots of other things. If you have any old stainless flatware we can use it. We also need professional pots, pans, trays, salt and pepper shakers, ladles, matching commercial grade china, new sinks and counter, and a hundred and one other little things, so that we can put on church dinners and breakfasts properly. If you have something in storage somewhere or know of someone who has commercial equipment that they are no longer using, please remember us. Remember that every little bit helps.

Bill Thorne

SAN DIEGO RETREAT

JULY 9 - 11

The first retreat of MCC San Diego is still being planned by Deacon Gus Gonzalez and Richard Manning, under the guiding eyes of Rev. John Hose and Deacon Howard Williams.

This event is scheduled to take place on the weekend of July 9, 10, & 11, starting Friday evening and ending Sunday afternoon. The place is Mt. Palomar -- with rooming arrangemnts being a la dormitory style with bunk beds being set up by the group. The church has already paid $100.00 to make sure the facilities are ours for the weekend.

The cost to an individual, which includes both room and board, is $20.00 per person (there are no special 'family rates'). A very rough and tentative schedule of events is given below. But now is the time to get an application and to pay at least $10.00 of the $20.00 due. See Deacon Howard Williams or Bill Puryear for your application now. MCC San Diego is committed to this event, so now it is your turn to commit yourself.

FRIDAY: pm--Registration and assignment of quarters.
7:30--Dinner
8:30--Brief worship period (Rev. John Hose conducting this service)
9:00--General Meeting in which the rules, purpose and outline of the retreat will be given.
--Encounter groups

SATURDAY: --Sunrise swin
--Morning watch and personal meditation period.
8:30--Breakfast

9:30--Group meeting with the following areas being covered:
Spiritual Life-Al Ewing
Publications-John Wild Jr.
Social-Alan Davis
Stewardship-Richard Manning
Services-Mary Cluck
Education-Deacon Williams
Membership-Alan Stageberg
Legal-Alan Smith
Missionary-Deacon Markham
Building-Deacon Gonzalez
Finance-Deacon Cunningham
Music-Kenneth Herman
Outreach-Rev. John Hose
Youth Group=Bud Berk
12:00--Lunch
1:30--Group meeting (contunied)
3:00--Recreation
6:30--Dinner
7:30--Recreation including a dance, group singing and campfire, and movie

SUNDAY:
--Sunrise swim
--Morning watch and personal meditation
--Breakfast
10:00--Report of Group Meeting
11:00--Lunch
---Return to San Diego

As can be seen by the schedule, there are a lot of activities planned, with mainly discussion groups regarding the various aspects of each area of operation within the church. Although not firmed up as yet, most discussions will be formed around how each aspect can be improved to reach more people and to get more people involved in the church.

For information please contact Rev. John Hose or any of the Seminary Students.

To Editor of MCC News

Just a not of thanks to you and the "Advocate" for your two recent articles on AT-AA. At our last AT meeting, a new member told the group,"If it hadn't been for the article in the Advocate he probably would have been headed for grave trouble. If we only reach one person, these articles will have done immeasurable good. Take it from one who knows from experience.

A grateful member of AT-AA
Jim Oswald

GIRLS - GIRLS - GIRLS!

If you are interested in attending the Gay Women's West Coast Conference, contact one of these organizations:
Daughters of Bilitis, 1910 S. Vermont St., Phone: 737-9159

Gay Women's Service Center

Lesbian Feminists

These three groups have a weekend full of events scheduled for Friday June 25, Saturday June 26, and Sunday June 27, that you won't want to miss. They have guest speakers, workshops, lunches and entertainment planned that will keep you busy the whole weekend.

The Editor

"WE'RE HERE TO STAY"

The MCC GOSPEL CHOIR is going again! With the help of the Lord and all you beautiful people we're at it again..... BUT we need YOU. If you like to sing and enjoy our type of music - Join In-

We rehearse on Monday nights at 7:30pm. Don't be shy, call David at 462-7667 (he's our great director) or just come on down to church Monday night and meet us for 2 hours of joyous singing.

Musically yours,

Marie Woody,
Secretary

CHURCH ACTIVITIES

MONDAY, JUNE 7TH	7:00 P.M.	SAMARITAN BIBLE SEMINARY
	7:00 P.M.	SKATING PARTY (HOLLYWOOD ROLLER RINK) No tickets sold at the rink.
	7:30 P.M.	GOSPEL CHOIR REHEARSAL (Church Bldg)
TUESDAY, JUNE 8TH	7:30 P.M.	CENTRAL PARISH MEETING Church Bldg, Seminary Room
	7:30 P.M.	METROPOLITAN PLAYER REHEARSAL Home of Lyle Page. (886-7896)
	8:00 P.M.	VALLEY PARISH MEETING Richard Martin's 994-2946 5511 Sunnyslope, Sherman Oaks
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 9TH	7:00 P.M.	SAMARITAN BIBLE SEMINARY
	7:30 P.M.	WEDNESDAY NIGHT PRAYER MEETING Main Sanctuary
	7:30 P.M.	METROPOLITAN PLAYERS REHEARSAL Home of Lyle Page 886-7896
	8:00 P.M.	LONG BEACH PARISH MEETING Debate - Vietnam War & Voting Age Dan & Mike's 424-1552
	8:00 P.M.	COMMUNICATION WITH THE DEAF CLASS Instructor: Dale Dyal, Phone: 664-1246 1243 No. Virgil, Apt. 9, Hollywood
THURSDAY, JUNE 10TH	7:00 P.M.	MOTORCYCLE CLUB OF CALIFORNIA In Church Parlor
	7:00 P.M.	CHANCEL CHOIR REHEARSAL
	8:30 P.M.	ALCOHOLICS TOGETHER OPEN MEETING Church Social Hall

FRIDAY, JUNE 11TH	7:00 P.M.	SAMARITAN BIBLE SEMINARY
	7:30 P.M.	YOUTH GROUP MEETING (THE KOOL-AIDS)
SATURDAY, JUNE 12TH	10:00 A.M.	CHURCH CLEANING
	8:00 P.M.	M.C.C. COSTA MESA DANCE UNITARIAN CHURCH 1259 Victoria St., Costa Mesa Tickets $1.00 (Food will be served)
	8:00 P.M.	YOUTH GROUP DANCE SOCIAL HALL Tickets $1.00 Box Dinner Raffel - Show
SUNDAY, JUNE 13TH	9:00 A.M.	COMMUNION SERVICE
	9:30 A.M.	THE ACADEMY
	9:30 A.M.	COMMUNICANTS CLASS - Church Parlor
	10:30 A.M.	SINGSPERATION
	10:30 A.M.	CHANCEL CHOIR REHEARSAL
	10:45 A.M.	SUNDAY SCHOOL (Seminary Class Room) Teacher: Steve Jordan
	11:00 A.M.	SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE
	1:30 P.M.	SOCIAL BRUNCH, Social Hall
	1:30 P.M.	BOARD OF DEACONS MEETING
	2:00 P.M.	METROPOLITAN PLAYERS BAR B-Q
	7:00 P.M.	EVENING SERVICE

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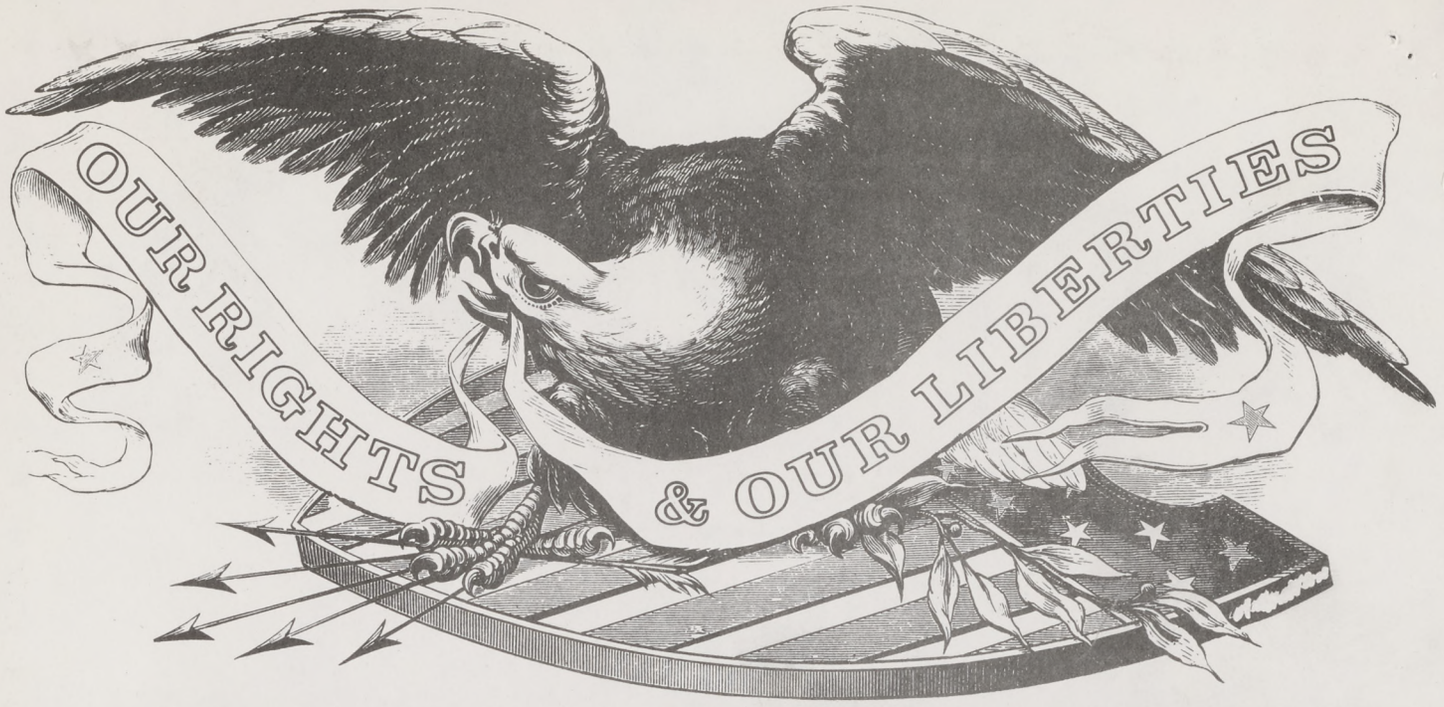

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